

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making regarding the use of cellular telephones while in flight poses a severe threat to the security of our airline transportation system.

As a Flight Attendant for United Airlines, I am responsible for monitoring the cabin for suspicious activity or behavior that might provide clues to some type of coordinated attack. The use of Cellular Phone onboard would effectively mask indications of such behavior.

Additionally, the embedded technology in cellular phones and other portable hand held devices would allow unauthorized parties to garner and study information about inflight security procedures as well as aircraft interiors.

At all costs, the use of cellular technology needs to be scrutinized more heavily from many perspectives. From safety and the potential threat posed by interference with onboard navigational equipment, to the security threats posed by allowing for their use.

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